Sinclair's decision to air a one sided political documentary, without giving equal time to the opposing viewpoint, is wrong. Showing it right before a Presidential election, is wrong. Being able to do it on public airwaves, is wrong. If this documentary was from the station's newsroom, and they had done research, and interviewed people on both sides of the subject, and weighed evidence from both sides, that would be different. But this is not news, this is an obvious one sided political documentary, and it is wrong.

Ĭ trust you, the FCC board, to make sure that justice is done. I will remember your decision.

Thank you,

Oliver Steck

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.